CLAIMS:

1. An evaluation method for polycrystalline silicon, comprising the steps of:

immersing the polycrystalline silicon in an agent which is capable of dissolving the polycrystalline silicon; and

counting the number of foreign particles in the agent.

2. An evaluation method for polycrystalline silicon as set forth in claim 1, wherein the polycrystalline silicon is used as a material for pulling single crystal silicon.

3. An evaluation method for polycrystalline silicon as set forth in claim 1, wherein the polycrystalline silicon immersed in the agent is aggregated or in pellet shape.

4. An evaluation method for polycrystalline silicon as set forth in claim 2, wherein the polycrystalline silicon immersed in the agent is aggregated or in pellet shape.

5. An evaluation method for polycrystalline silicon as set forth in claim 1, further comprising a step of:

analyzing the composition of the foreign particles.

6. An evaluation method for polycrystalline silicon as set forth in claim 2, further comprising a step of:

analyzing the composition of the foreign particles.

7. An evaluation method for polycrystalline silicon as set forth in claim 3, further comprising a step of:

analyzing the composition of the foreign particles.

8. An evaluation method for polycrystalline silicon as set forth in claim 4, further comprising a step of:

analyzing the composition of the foreign particles.

9. An evaluation method for polycrystalline silicon as set forth in claim 1, further

comprising a step of:

subjecting the agent to a circulation filtering process prior to the immersion of the polycrystalline silicon in the agent.

10. An evaluation method for polycrystalline silicon as set forth in claim 2, further comprising a step of:

subjecting the agent to a circulation filtering process prior to the immersion of the polycrystalline silicon in the agent.

11. An evaluation method for polycrystalline silicon as set forth in claim 3, further comprising a step of:

subjecting the agent to a circulation filtering process prior to the immersion of the polycrystalline silicon in the agent.

12. An evaluation method for polycrystalline silicon as set forth in claim 4, further comprising a step of:

subjecting the agent to a circulation filtering process prior to the immersion of the polycrystalline silicon in the agent.

13. An evaluation method for polycrystalline silicon as set forth in claim 5, further comprising a step of:

subjecting the agent to a circulation filtering process prior to the immersion of the polycrystalline silicon in the agent.

14. An evaluation method for polycrystalline silicon as set forth in claim 6, further comprising a step of:

subjecting the agent to a circulation filtering process prior to the immersion of the polycrystalline silicon in the agent.

15. An evaluation method for polycrystalline silicon as set forth in claim 7, further comprising a step of:

subjecting the agent to a circulation filtering process prior to the immersion of the polycrystalline silicon in the agent.

16. An evaluation method for polycrystalline silicon as set forth in claim 8, further comprising a step of:

subjecting the agent to a circulation filtering process prior to the immersion of the polycrystalline silicon in the agent.